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At least 25 die in New Year party

HAPASIS Quebec, Jan. 1 (R)—At least 25 people died early today when a fire raged through a packed hall filled with New Year's celebrators, police in this remote northern Quebec mining town said. More were still missing and presumed dead, and at least 0 people were injured including nine so badly burned that they had to be flown to hospitals hundreds of kilometres away. The cause of the fire at the New Year's Eve party at the Opamiska Club, one of the major social events of the year in this town of 1,000 people, has still to be determined, police said. But one report spoke of a party-goer playing with a cigarette lighter and others said it might have started among the decorative lights. Police said between 200 and 300 people were at the party.

Kurds, guards clash in Sanandaj

TEHRAN, Jan. 1 (R)—At least one person died and five were critically wounded in fierce fighting between Kurdish guerrillas and revolutionary guards in the Kurdish city of Sanandaj today, officials at two city hospitals said. The officials told Reuters by telephone they feared the casualty toll was much higher but ambulances could not reach the injured because heavy shooting was continuing in several parts of town. The clashes erupted despite a ceasefire between government forces and the powerful autonomy-seeking Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) which has demanded the guard's withdrawal from Sanandaj. The official Pars News Agency carried a statement by the regular army warning that it would consider any attack on the guards as an attack on itself. But it was not clear if army personnel were involved in the latest outbreak of fighting in Sanandaj, the second in 24 hours.

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No guarantee he will meet Khomeini Waldheim arrives in Tehran for talks on U.S.-Iran crisis

TEHRAN, Jan. 1 (R)—United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim arrived today for talks on the U.S.-Iranian crisis with no guarantee that he would meet Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who holds the key to the fate of the American hostages held in Iran. He told reporters on arrival that meetings with government leaders would cover all aspects of the crisis which centres on the recovery of the U.S. embassy in Tehran two months ago by radical militant followers of Ayatollah Khomeini. Dr. Waldheim said: "My visit to Iran will provide an opportunity to have an exchange of views. In the light of such a constructive exchange of views I hope to find means and ways to solve the crisis."



United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim (left) chats with Iran's Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh on arrival at Mehrabad Airport Tuesday. Dr. Waldheim has gone to Tehran at his own request in an attempt to resolve the current crisis between the United States and Iran. (AP wirephoto)

Regional Briefs

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (Agencies)—Saudi Arabian King Khaled has accepted the resignation of Mecca's governor and issued a decree retiring two high-ranking army officers, the Saudi Press Agency said today. It said King Khaled had accepted the retirement of Prince Fawwaz Ibn Abdul Aziz as governor for reasons of health. A successor was not immediately named. No reasons were given for the retirement of Gen. Assad Abdul Aziz Al Zuhair and Gen. Ali Majid Qabbani, who were assigned to the foreign ministry with the rank of ambassador. Last week, the chief of staff, Gen. Osman Humaid, lost his army job and became an adviser to the defence ministry.

TEHRAN, Jan. 1 (R)—Iran's ruling Islamic Republican Party (IRP) today put a relatively unknown university professor as its candidate for the presidential elections later this month. He is Mr. Jalaleddin Farsi, 47, who spent eight years in exile in Lebanon during the Shah's regime acting as a link between the Palestinian liberation movement and Iranian volunteers fighting with the Palestinians against Israel. Mr. Farsi, who is a member of the IRP central committee, was introduced as party candidate at a press conference by Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti, the powerful secretary of the ruling Revolutionary Council. "Jalal has preserved his pure Islamic ideology during his long record of struggle," Ayatollah Beheshti told reporters. He added: "Mr. Farsi is devoid of any western or marxist ideology and has always followed the path of the Koran."

TEHRAN, Jan. 1 (R)—Iran's interior ministry today announced the official final results of last month's referendum in which Iranians overwhelmingly approved the country's strict Islamic constitution. A total of 15,758,956 people voted, of whom 15,680,329 voted "yes" and 78,516 voted "no". Interior Minister Hojatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani announced before the vote on Dec. 2 and 3 that the number of eligible voters was about 22 million.

BEIRUT, Jan. 1 (R)—The left-wing Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) claimed responsibility today for 98 acts of violence, including the assassination of six Turkish diplomats, since 1975. In the first detailed account of operations to date, ASALA said its activists killed the Turkish ambassador to Austria and France in 1975, the Turkish ambassador to the Vatican, in 1977, and the political counsellor and the chief of Turkish intelligence in Paris last month. ASALA is chief of Turkish intelligence in Paris last month. The organization pledged to set up an independent state for Armenians. Armistation has accused the Turkish authorities of persecuting Armenians. According to a list of violent acts handed to Reuters office in Beirut, other acts of violence for which ASALA claimed responsibility ranged from a bomb attack on the office of Turkish Airlines in Beirut in 1975 and a bomb explosion which wrecked the transit lounge of Istanbul airport last year. According to the list, ASALA carried out 12 operations in 1975 and 40 last year.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 1 (R)—Israel has complained to Austria about recent remarks by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky that he thought the government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin should be replaced, foreign ministry sources said yesterday. Dr. Kreisky's reported remarks were published in Israeli newspapers recently, and originally appeared in the French daily Le Figaro on Dec. 21. The foreign ministry summoned the Austrian ambassador and told him that Israel resented Chancellor Kreisky's interference in its internal affairs, the sources said. The ambassador was also told that Dr. Kreisky's friendly approaches to the Palestine Liberation Organisation and its head, Mr. Yasser Arafat, had not brought about many changes in PLO policy towards Israel, they said. Dr. Kreisky received Mr. Arafat in Vienna last July.

KHARTOUM, Jan. 1 (R)—The United States is to grant Sudan \$40 million to finance public and private sector imports under an agreement signed yesterday, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said. The agency said the grant would finance such imports as wheat, wheat seed, agricultural equipment, manufacturing materials and spare parts. Last week, the United States signed another agreement under which it will provide Sudan with \$100 million worth of wheat and wheat flour on a grant basis over a five-year period.

favours an international tribunal to try the United States for alleged crimes against Iran but the plan has failed to get off the ground, apparently because of the reluctance of international figures to take part while the hostages are still held. Dr. Waldheim said he thanked the Iranian government for allowing the visit to take place and added: "I wish to extend my greetings and best wishes to the leader of Iran, his eminence Ayatollah Khomeini." But when asked whether he would be seeing the revolutionary leaders, Waldheim said: "The programme of my visit has been organised by the government of Iran and I can't tell you what it will include."

There has been no official announcement on whether Ayatollah Khomeini intends to receive Dr. Waldheim but a member of his household quoted him this week as saying he did not intend to meet the U.N. leaders.

The embassy students have also said they will not meet Dr. Waldheim or allow him to see the hostages unless specifically ordered to do so by Ayatollah Khomeini.

Mr. Qotbzadeh said the United States failed to achieve its objective with yesterday's U.N. Security Council resolution threatening Iran with sanctions if U.S. hostages are not freed within a week.

He told reporters Dr. Waldheim was seeking facts and not mediating in the dispute between America and Iran.

Mr. Qotbzadeh said several states which voted for the U.N. resolution made it clear to Iran they would not necessarily vote for sanctions, if that question arises next week. "Therefore that means that the United States actually did not get what it wanted," he said.

The minister denied Dr. Waldheim was coming because of U.S. pressure. The secretary-general was coming to hear Iranian views, evaluate the situation and examine the cause of the crisis, Mr. Qotbzadeh said. His trip had been considered on the understanding it did not mean any mediation between the U.S. and Iran.

"Dr. Waldheim will come here and will see for himself what's happening. I hope this will be clear for everyone and there won't be any problem whatsoever," Mr. Qotbzadeh said.

He did not throw any further light on who would be talking to Dr. Waldheim.

The students and Tehran newspapers have highlighted the fact that Dr. Waldheim visited Iran in 1978 when the revolution which toppled the Shah was in its opening stages.

A student spokesman said in an interview with the afternoon newspaper Ertela: "Dr. Waldheim once honoured us by coming to Iran during the revolution when the nation, faced with the Shah's machine-gun fire, was crying and blood had covered everything. He went back and did nothing."



TEHRAN, Jan. 1 (R)—Up to 3,000 Afghan exiles demonstrated outside the Soviet embassy in Tehran today and a handful managed to enter the embassy compound. The protesters, chanting slogans denouncing the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, burned the Soviet flag outside the embassy gates and raised a green and white Islamic emblem in its place. Islamic revolutionary guards dispersed the demonstrators by firing into the air, but a few Afghan students smashed the sentry post at the main gate and entered the embassy compound. Witnesses said several youths were led out of the compound and put into police cars. A revolutionary guard officer said nobody had been injured. The main body of the demonstration then marched to the occupied U.S. embassy, in central Tehran, where they read a statement condemning the United States and the Soviet Union. (AP wirephoto)

Sadat, Begin urge increased U.S. military presence in ME

CAIRO, Jan. 1 (Agencies)—Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel today urged increased United States military presence in the Middle East.

President Anwar Sadat said the battle for the energy resources of the Middle East has begun with the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

"This has frightened all those who live in the Gulf area, from Kuwait to the United Arab Emirates, and I say the battle around the area's oil resources has already begun," he said referring to the military coup in Afghanistan last week, and the intervention of Soviet troops.

Mr. Sadat made his remarks in an interview with CBS News Walter Cronkite, excerpts of which were reported in Cairo by the daily Al Ahram today.

Mr. Sadat said that the inhabitants of the Gulf area wanted U.S. protection, but could not openly ask for it.

"They all want you to have a presence in the area," he said, "but not one of them can raise his voice now because we are living a

moment in which the Soviets have given themselves complete freedom of action."

He said the Arabs also condemned in silence Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini and the takeover of the American embassy in Tehran by student militants, but he personally would openly support the United States if it took military action to free the hostages.

"I will condemn the U.S. if it uses military force to occupy Iran, but if you use force to restore the balance that has been shaken there and to save the hostages, then I will support you," he said.

He also briefly referred to the stalled 7-month-old Palestinian autonomy talks between Egypt, Israel and the U.S. He said the problem was not only reaching agreement on a plan for self-rule for the Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip, but also the question of Jerusalem.

Egypt contends that East Jerusalem is part of the occupied West Bank and should return to Arab sovereignty, while Israel has repeatedly insisted that Jerusalem

will remain the undivided capital of the Zionist state.

Mr. Sadat has said that the 800 million Muslims in the world could not accept Israeli rule over the holy city, and it should become an international city for all faiths.

"If our positions on these matters come a bit closer then I will insist that Jerusalem remain a united city, never to be divided again," he said.

Palestinian autonomy and the status of Jerusalem are expected to be the focal points of the summit between Mr. Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Aswan, Egypt, on Jan. 7.

In Tel Aviv, Mr. Begin told a U.S. congressman today the United States "needs more ground forces" to block Soviet inroads in countries like Afghanistan and Iran.

A U.S. source at the private meeting with Mr. Richard Kelly, R-Fla., quoted Mr. Begin as saying the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was "a turning point in the world's history" since it marked the first time since World War II that Soviet forces crossed the boundaries of a non-communist bloc country. "It is a most serious development," Mr. Begin reportedly said.

"The United States needs more land forces around the world to prevent what is happening in Afghanistan, Iran and Lebanon," Mr. Begin was quoted as saying.

Asked how he would handle the Iranian crisis if he were the American president, Mr. Begin sidestepped a direct answer but implied that President Carter could use force to free the hostages.

"If the Russian embassy were taken over by so-called students, the Russians would immediately march on Tehran. That is why the Iranians would never dream of taking the Russian embassy," Mr. Begin was quoted as saying.

Fan out into Afghan countryside Soviet troops clash with Amin's army supporters

NEW DELHI, Jan. 1 (Agencies)—Soviet troops fanning out into the Afghanistan countryside from the capital Kabul have clashed with soldiers loyal to executed President Hafizullah Amin, diplomatic sources in New Delhi said today.

Details of the fighting which followed last Thursday's Soviet-backed coup were sparse, said the sources, who were quoting reports from diplomats in Kabul. Casualties were not known. But American official in Washington said yesterday at least 250 Soviet troops had been killed in fighting with Amin supporters.

The sources said the Soviet soldiers, now estimated at between 35,000 and 40,000 with a further 40,000 on the Soviet-Afghan border, were in total control of Kabul itself. The strength of the Afghan army as estimated by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, is 80,000.

The capital was reported generally quiet today five days after Babrak Karmal was installed as the country's new leader. But the sources said there had been firing and grenade explosions there yesterday and on Sunday.

Diplomats in Kabul said earlier that Soviet troops had taken up positions within 55 kilometres of the Pakistan border at the Khyber Pass, gateway to South Asia.

The new government has appealed to Muslim guerrillas to lay down their arms. Kabul Radio, monitored in New Delhi last night,

broadcast repeated appeals to the dissidents "to return to the fold of the country without fear and in freedom and to voluntarily part with weapons supplied to them by the enemies."

The official Soviet News Agency Tass said today Mr. Karmal had told Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev that with continuing cooperation from Moscow Afghanistan would be able to overcome all difficulties.

Mr. Karmal, whose presence in Kabul had earlier been in doubt, was seen yesterday in the residence of the prime minister which was now his office, according to reports from diplomats reaching Islamabad.

The new government said today that its military cooperation with Russia would end as soon as the threat of external aggression was removed.

A foreign ministry statement broadcast on Radio Kabul said no country could stop Afghanistan from seeking support from the Soviet Union. Its request for aid was in line with United Nations principles and the year-old treaty of friendship with Moscow, the Afghan government said.

According to the radio broadcast, Mr. Karmal's government accused the United States of using the change of government in Kabul to draw attention away from its crimes in Iran.

It also challenged the western news media and asked why they had remained silent about the large number of crimes committed against the people of Afghanistan during the ousted President's three-month rule.

In Washington, U.S. officials said today the Soviet Union may be prepared to send 12,000 new

troops into Afghanistan.

State department officials said the Soviet troops now in Afghanistan, described by the department as an "invasion force," have been opposed not only by insurgent guerrillas but also by Afghan regular army troops.

Some Pentagon officials said the Soviet troops might end up fighting both groups, a development which could jeopardise the Soviet hold on the country.

President Carter was sharply critical yesterday of Mr. Brezhnev. He said Mr. Brezhnev had given him a completely inadequate and misleading reply to U.S. expressions of concern over the Soviet activities in Afghanistan.

Mr. Carter said the United States would take action which would include more than stiff diplomatic notes of protest. "He's not telling the facts accurately," Mr. Carter said in a television interview.

The president said Brezhnev claimed the Russian government had been invited by the Afghan government to intervene to protect Afghanistan from some outside threat. "This was obviously false because the person he claimed invited him, President Amin, was murdered, assassinated, after the Soviets pulled their coup," Mr. Carter said.

In Moscow, the Soviet Union countered widespread condemnation for its deep involvement in the Afghanistan coup today by accusing the United States of having conspired to turn the country into a base of anti-Soviet attacks.

A clearly authoritative article in the Soviet government newspaper

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U.S. aid package disappoints Israelis

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1 (AP)—Israeli officials expressed disappointment today with the Carter administration's decision to grant a minimal increase in aid and predicted cuts in defence spending and continuing economic austerity.

"While careful not to appear ingrateful for the proposed \$2 billion in aid for the fiscal year beginning next October, Israel had been hoping for a significant boost in U.S. economic and military assistance. Defence Minister Ezer Weizman's talks with U.S. leaders in Washington last week had raised expectations that aid would be hiked."

On Monday the Carter administration announced it would recommend an aid package including one billion dollars in military aid, \$785 million in economic aid and a \$200 million loan at 9 per cent interest.

Israel, which is receiving \$1.705 billion in aid this year, requested nearly double that amount, but had realistically figured on an aid package between \$2.2 and \$2.6 billion. Instead, President Carter renewed the current aid and added the \$200 million loan.

"This is what is in our hands," Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz said. "We'll have to make do with it and not climb the walls." Mr. Hurvitz, who is instituting stiff cutbacks in government spending, warned Israelis of continued austerity and said the country would have to respond with higher productivity and less consumption and imports.

Foreign ministry officials refrained from commenting publicly on the U.S. decision, saying only that a message of appreciation would be sent to Washington. But other sources expressed disappointment, with the Jerusalem Post quoting an unnamed cabinet minister as saying, "Israel's efforts for the sake of Middle East peace should have been rated higher, especially at such a time of upheaval in this part of the world."

Mr. Moshe Arens, chairman of parliament's foreign affairs and security committee, said he regretted that Israel had little ability to pressure Washington into helping Israel meet the costs of peace with Egypt since it has already signed the treaty.

Economists predicted the lower-than-expected aid would intensify Israel's recession by forcing the government to cut more expenditures and further devalue the Israeli pound against foreign currency.

Israeli newspaper reported deep concern in the defence establishment over the aid level, which officials predicted would force cuts in local production of planes, missiles and ammunition. Troops will hold fewer exercises and use less live ammunition, while the army will not be able to purchase new weapons systems abroad, according to the reports.



Under the portrait of Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iranian and American scouts get together for dinner at the Asian Pacific Scout Jamboree in Perth, Australia, Tuesday. Iran's

International Scouting Commissioner Mohammad Mohebbi commented: "There is no problem between our two nations. It is a government problem." (AP wirephoto)

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Moving Visions Dance Theatre puts on thrilling show in Amman

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 1 — At the Jordan theatre, on the evening of Dec. 30, an appreciative audience of 100 applauded well-produced dances drawn from Shakespeare by Sue Little and Ross McKim, two modern dancers with new ideas and full of potential.

To familiarise the audience with the movements and the dancing, the dancers did their warming up exercises in full dress on stage while the hall was filling up. After the final exit and re-entry used to mark the end of each exercise, Ross McKim took a good look at the audience, sizing them up.

These preliminaries and the short introductions, given by Ross McKim at the start of each of the three parts, built up an atmosphere of two-sided participation by dancers and audience in the production.

The delight of the audience stemmed not only from the dancers themselves but also from the ambience created by excellent sound and lighting effects and the unusual fact that the show was not interrupted by the accustomed accidental camera flashes, blinding TV lights and reporters and photographers wandering on and off stage.

The "Moving Visions Dance Theatre" — that is the name Ross McKim and Sue Little have chosen for themselves — presented "Dances of Love and Death from Shakespeare" a three-part show made up of danced sketches taken from Shakespeare plays.

Choreographed by Ross McKim, these sections were too reminiscent of classical, aesthetic ballet. He failed to capitalise fully on the strong emotional conflicts that usually provide such rich material for choreographers of modern dance and substance for intensely expressive gestures. This type of moderate expressionism would fit better in sections of a full ballet than in short sketches. Yet what this part lacked in dramatic effect it made up for through poignant and very subtle eroticism, especially in the love duet, which qualifies it as modern dance. Sue Little's beautifully designed outfits were a big success.

Ross McKim's background is mostly classical ballet; he danced with some very prestigious troupes, including the National Ballet of Canada, the Royal Danish Ballet and the London Contemporary Dance Theatre. Sue Little received her training in America at the Martha Graham School and the Cunningham, Nicholas and Ailey studios. They both rebelled against institutionalised dance and joined forces in 1976 to create their own troupe. They bring to their performances two contrasting styles of modern dance, born of widely differing disciplines under which they trained.

Part two, choreographed by Sue Little, is called "Phases of Madness". It was danced to the music of Sibelius' symphony No. 3, turned around, third movement first and first movement last. The first section depicts the Fool berating King Lear for giving up the throne. "Thou hast little wit in this bold crown when thou gavest thy gold one away," as Ross McKim explained. Yet as the dance unfolds, it is not clear that their intention is to show the Fool trying to coax King Lear into behaving like a king once more, at least not as the king he once was. Right from the moment King Lear in his disordered stance stepped onto stage, he headed straight for the crown. The Fool, danced exquisitely by Sue Little, kept toying with the crown and seemed to spend her time keeping it from the king rather than coaxing him to take it up again. There is subtlety and rich satire in Sue Little's treatment of the theme.

The next section, immersed in purple light, featured a purple-clad Ophelia sad and confused by Hamlet's unstable love. A sudden and expressive gesture of hurt with both hands clasped on the side of the abdomen and with the body wringing into an unnatural bend successfully reflected Ophelia's proud but intense distress: "I was the more deceived."

This sketch, more than any other, shows the influence of the Martha Graham technique. It is rich and moving in its simplicity and poignancy. The expression is

Sue Little & Ross McKim of Moving Visions Dance Theatre



The cover of the programme for the Moving Visions Dance Theatre performance in Amman Sunday night.

as direct as it is captivating.

The final section of "Phases of Madness" is a hilarious comedy based on a most original interpretation of Cleopatra's dramatic death through the bite of an asp: "... for his biting is immortal: those who die of it do seldom or never recover."

The asp is acted out by a snarling Ross McKim, a welcome though perhaps technically lighter change from the usual smooth coiling and entertaining one associates with the snake. The light-hearted comedy of Cleopatra at first hesitantly offering her bare throat to the bite of the snake then the asp pursuing the queen who has suddenly decided she just won't be bitten is charming. Under hypnosis, the snake finally manages to sink his fangs in and she dies, not however without a few unexpected revivals on her part which exasperate the asp.

After the intermission, Moving Visions presented the cream of the evening's programme: the "Crown of Blood" or Act 2 from their full length production of Macbeth. In this jointly choreographed piece, a great deal of thought was put into expressionism and symbolism. Lady Macbeth's guilt-ridden obsession with her bloody hands develops into a most moving highlight when the tormented murderer crouches in the right-hand corner of the front stage, with a pool of red light focusing on her, and kills herself.

Macbeth, walking in a stupor, barely seems to recognise her death. Unavoidably, he is led by her ghost, who also symbolises his Fate and perhaps the spirit of irrevocable doom, to his own

death. This spirit is portrayed by the reappearance of Lady Macbeth garbed in a black cloak and a chilling mask, animated by a convulsing mad laugh. Contemporary Polish composer Bela Bartok's rousing Concerto for Orchestra is an inspired choice for these larger than life characters, appropriately acted out with larger than life movements. The spirit of tragedy is well captured in this inspired piece.

Ross McKim and Sue Little have rightly perceived modern dance's potential as a "dance theatre" whose aim is to translate "moving visions". They have a lot of potential that has yet to be realised.

Moving Visions was founded three years ago and started their activities in Northern England to a general population "knowing about dance as little as the audience tonight." This prompted a Shakespeare programme, because Shakespeare themes are familiar to everyone which should be conducive to the enjoyment of the medium of expression.

Sue Little views dance not only as a means of expression, but as a mode of therapy as well. When this American dancer first arrived in England, she worked for a time with training centres for severely subnormal children, as well as for children under intensive care. For these physically and mentally handicapped children, she incorporated dance movements with music and song to produce game-like sessions where the children learnt rough movements, which

once mastered, were gradually refined to the finer movements used for daily life, such as holding a spoon and lifting it to one's mouth.

Since the Moving Visions Dance Theatre have their own ballet school in England, the two dancers kindly agreed, through the British Council, to give a teaching class in modern dance to the students of the Betty Hijazi School of Ballet in Jabal Amman on Monday.

The Moving Visions Dance Theatre based at the Darlington Arts Centre, in the north of England. The company quickly established itself with successful tours within Britain and negotiations are at present under way to expand as a northern regional company, supported by all the regional arts associations in the area. It will be changing its name to the more conservative "English Dance Theatre" when the group expands to 6 members in April 1980.

The company's appearance in Jordan has been arranged by the British Council in cooperation with the Department of Culture and Arts as part of a British Council tour which will also take them to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Egypt, Greece and Cyprus. They have been to Turkey before coming to Jordan.

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Jordan opposed to intervention in Afghanistan

AMMAN, Jan. 1 (JNA) — Jordan rejects any form of intervention by a nation in the affairs of another, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasbi said yesterday.

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, commenting on the situation in Afghanistan, the minister said that although the real situation in Afghanistan is still not clear, Jordan, in keeping with the charters of the United Nations and the Arab League, rejects any form of foreign political or military intervention in the affairs of a nation.

East Bank population: 2,152,273

By Serene R. Farraj
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 1 — According to the result of the population census conducted in November last year, there are 2,152,273 people living in the East Bank of Jordan, it was announced at a press conference on Sunday by the Minister of Industry and Trade, Mr. Ali Nsour. Of this figure, 1,124,977 (52 per cent) are male and 1,027,296 are female.

Mr. Nsour said this number represents the people residing in Jordan on the night of Nov. 10, 1979, as well as Jordanians who were abroad on that night, for reasons of tourism, studying, medical treatment, etc. This figure does not include Jordanians working abroad, who number approximately 500,000 to 750,000.

He said that the Governorate of

Amman is the most densely populated district. Its population is 1,187,750, or 55 per cent of the people living in the East Bank.

The Governorate of Irbid is the second most populated centre, its population being 611,658, or 28 per cent of the people living in the East Bank.

The people living in the Blqa Governorate number 151,382, or seven per cent of all East Bank residents.

The population of the Karak Governorate is 126,082, or six per cent of the East Bank population.

Mr. Nsour said the population constitutes for per cent of the total population of the East Bank, with 75,401 residents.

Mr. Nsour went on to say that "only three cities account for 45 per cent of the East Bank's total population. They are Amman, 648,587, Zarqa, 215,687, and Irbid, 112,954."

"Based on the censuses carried out during 1952, 1961 and 1979 the rate of growth in the East Bank is 4.8 per cent," Mr. Nsour said. "This high rate is due to three main factors:

1. The continues decline in the death rate due to improvement in preventive medicine and better clinical and hospital treatment.

2. A slight increase in the rate of birth from 47.3 per thousand in 1960 to 50 per thousand in 1979.

3. The emigration of workers to Jordan outnumbered the emigration of workers from Jordan by around 10,000, thus increasing the population growth rate from 3.8 to 4.8 per cent.

The census also indicates that Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, and Aqaba are the cities attracting the bulk of the population movement. Their average yearly growth rates have been 4.37, 4.49, 5.15, and 6.1 per cent respectively.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, Jan. 1 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein visited the army headquarters at noon Sunday and met briefly with the Commander in Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. During the meeting, attended by Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, a number of matters connected with the armed forces were discussed.

AMMAN, Jan. 1 (JNA) — The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, received in his office today the Speaker of the Palestinian National Council, Mr. Khalid Al Fakhour. Mr. Fakhour presented his congratulations to the prime minister on his forming the new government. The meeting was attended by the Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, Mr. Bahjat Talbouni.

AMMAN, Jan. 1 (JNA) — The former Belgian prime minister and president of the Belgian Christian Social Party, Mr. Leo Tindemans, left here this evening for Damascus after a three-day visit to Jordan during which he met with top Jordanian officials. He told JNA that he discussed with Jordanian officials latest Middle East developments and means of strengthening bilateral economic relations between Jordan and Belgium. Mr. Tindemans praised Jordan's achievements in various construction and economic fields.

AMMAN, Jan. 1 (JNA) — The Jordanian delegation to the meeting of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALESCO) held in Tunis on Dec. 24 returned here on Sunday. The under-secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Ahmad Al 'Aqayleh, the head of the Jordanian delegation, told JNA that ALESCO approved the unification of curricula among Arab countries within the framework of the Arab strategy, and the coordination of cultural cooperation between Arab and other countries. It also agreed on spreading the Arabic language and Islamic culture in other countries, and on formulating programmes to study the environment in the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden and other Arab seas. Mr. Aqayleh added. The meeting was attended by Arab member states.

AMMAN, Jan. 1 (JNA) — The Director General of the Amman Financial Market, Dr. Hashem Sabbagh, announced today that the volume traded for various sectors during last year was JD 15,845,159. He said, during a press conference, that the rate of increase over 1978 was 182.1 per cent, as the volume traded in that year was JD 5,615,291.

AMMAN, Jan. 1 (JNA) — The Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Qasim Al Rimawi today called on governors in various parts of the kingdom to submit their suggestions and projections to the Ministry of Agriculture for it to formulate a plan for the afforestation of arid land in cooperation with the private sector. This morning, Mr. Rimawi, chaired a meeting to discuss specifications for agricultural products exported to Iraq. The meeting was attended by the ministers of industry and trade supply, the director general of the Jordan Cooperatives Organisation and a number of specialists.

Soviet troops clash with Amin's supporters

(Continued from page 1)

Izvestia said the U.S. had wanted to seize control of Afghanistan to make up for its loss as the dominant influence in Iran under the deposed Shah.

The article, which accused Washington of inspiring a counter-revolutionary insurgency in Afghanistan, indicated that the Kremlin intended to direct its propaganda against the U.S. to deflect charges that it engineered

last Thursday's coup.

In Brussels, West Germany suggested today that NATO nations should consider boycotting this year's Moscow Olympics if Soviet troops remain in Afghanistan, according to alliance sources.

At an emergency session of envoys of the 15-nation alliance today some other NATO members agreed that an Olympics boycott should be studied, the sources added.

Dr. Joseph Luns, secretary general of the alliance, said the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan was "a flagrant violation of international law and a threat to peace."

It was the first time Moscow had used its military might directly and massively in a country outside the Soviet bloc, he said in a statement after the meeting.

NATO sources said envoys of different countries suggested they should discuss reducing commercial and cultural ties with the Soviet Union.

West Germany recalled the 1936 Olympics when Adolf Hitler's Germany turned the Berlin games into a major Nazi propaganda exercise.

It asked whether the West should give the Kremlin such an opportunity at a time when its troops were in once non-aligned Afghanistan, 500 kilometres from the Strait of Hormuz, which guards the entrance to the oil-rich Gulf.

But the sources said no decision was taken today, and there was no move towards an actual boycott.

NATO envoys agreed that the Kremlin could not expect detente with the west and freedom to move its troops into neighbouring countries.

They asked how Moscow could afford to take so big a risk, with interview, conducted in Brussels, the likelihood that its soldiers may

have to shoot at Muslim militants, the sources said. They argued this could spark trouble with Afghanistan's Iranian and Pakistani neighbours and among Soviet Central Asian Muslims, many of whom have ethnic ties with Afghans.

Dr. Luns told a West German newspaper the Soviet use of "naked military force" in Afghanistan was a dangerous escalation of its activity there.

Asked by the mass circulation daily Bild Zeitung about President Brezhnev's assertion that Afghanistan had been threatened, Dr. Luns replied: "Nobody threatened Afghanistan. There was internal unrest. The Soviet explanation represents a perversion of the UNC (United Nations Charter)."

He said the West's determination to maintain a military balance had been strengthened and its decision last month to deploy medium-range nuclear missiles had been vindicated.

The west would decide in concert how best to defend its interests, he said. Asked about western participation at the Moscow Olympics, Dr. Luns replied: "I am sure that this question will now be examined by the nations of the NATO alliance."

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Bad weather postpones U.K. soccer matches

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Icy weather today wrecked Britain's big new year's day sports programme. Heavy overnight frost forced the postponement of 28 English and Scottish league soccer matches. Four First Division games—Stoke vs. Liverpool, Manchester United vs. Bolton, Tottenham vs. Wolverhampton and Aston Villa vs. Manchester City—were among the casualties. Three league matches were played this morning and Arsenal leap-frogged over Southampton into third place in the First Division by winning 1-0 at the Dell. Luton and Chelsea shared six goals to draw in a Second Division promotion clash at Kenilworth Road, but Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst said: "The game should not have been played. The surface was not suitable for good soccer." In the Third Division, Exeter drew with Plymouth 2-2.

Vilas advances to Australian Open finals

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 1 (AP)—Top seeded Guillermo Vilas' opponent in the Australian Open Tennis Championships was undecided after a postponement and an ice-box-smashing incident by a possible challenger, Vilas, who advanced to the finals with a four-set win over American Victor Amaya, a definite starter for the final at Melbourne's Kooyong Stadium. But his opponent and the date of the final were uncertain late today. The second men's single semifinal was thrown into confusion and postponed Tuesday when American John Sadri, playing Australian veteran Colin Dibley, became involved in a series of sensational incidents.

The meeting to decide possible action against Sadri, and to set a schedule for the remainder of Australia's major tennis tournament, was still under way an hour after play had ended for the day. Sadri won the first two sets 6-4, 7-6, but went down in the third 7-6 after protesting about the falling light. His temper flared on a number of occasions, and organisers said the tournament referee was considering allegations of obscene language and gestures. In one of the incidents Sadri—who was fined 250 Australian dollars yesterday for allegedly indecent language—smashed an ice-box with his racket. After the third set, Sadri said: "I think that if the match had gone on any longer I would have been lynched." The match was unfinished as darkness fell, and is now expected to be completed tomorrow. In turn, that was expected to force postponement of the final to Thursday—one day later than the scheduled finish of the tournament. The delays were expected to lead to the postponement of the men's doubles until Thursday.

In the first semi-final, on the centre court, Vilas won a tough battle against tall American Victor Amaya. The Argentinian, a hot favourite for the title, won the first set 7-5, but Amaya fought back to take the second 6-3, and took Vilas to tie-breakers in the next two sets before valiantly conceding defeat.

U.S. runners win marathon

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan. 1 (AP)—Dana Slater of the United States won the women's championship for the second time in a

row in the St. Silvester International Footrace here just after midnight this morning. Her time was 29 minutes, 7 seconds, which was 5 minutes, 41 seconds behind the male winner, Herb Lindsay, also of the United States. She finished a minute, 57 seconds ahead of the second woman, Colombia's Debora Medina. It really wasn't much of a race for Slater, 20, who is rapidly becoming one of the best women distance runners in the United States. She moved out front early and ran home.

Born in Long Island, New York, she went across country to study at the University of Boulder, Colorado but she dropped out in 1979 to run, and now she's getting ready for the Olympic trials set for mid-summer. "I'm a lot stronger and a lot faster than I ever thought I could be," Slater said before the race here. But surprisingly, she's not very confident about the Olympics. "My best distances are 10,000 metres and the (26-mile) marathon but in the Olympics the women only run up to 1,500 metres. But the experience will be good and I hope that by 1980, when I'll be at my peak, they will have longer distances."

Australians to be led by former captain

SYDNEY, Jan. 1 (R)—The Australian cricket selectors have turned to former test captain Ian Chappell to lift the side out of the doldrums. Chappell was named in the 13-man squad from which the team will be chosen to play England in the second test in Sydney beginning on Friday. Chappell's return to the test scene comes despite the fact that he is under the cloud of a six weeks suspended sentence for misconduct following incidents in the recent match between South Australia and England in Adelaide. Earlier he incurred the wrath of the Australian cricket board (ACB) with a three weeks suspension following an umpire's report on his conduct during a match between South Australia and Tasmania. There is some neat domestic and coaching planning behind the big time tennis resurgence of 35-year-old former Sydney customs officer Colin Dibley. Dibley overcame his biggest present day hurdle when he dismissed former national title-holder Mark Edmondson from the \$400,000 Marlboro Australian Open at Kooyong today. In a five-set quarterfinal battle which started late yesterday and was halted at two sets to one in Edmondson's favour because of bad light, Dibley took control today and went on to his best Australian performance in recent years. After levelling the match at 7-6 in a tie-breaker, Dibley slumped temporarily in the vital fifth set, then steadied to wear Edmondson down and win 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

"My coach in San Francisco, Jack Shaw, was worried by my up-and-down form in the last couple of years," the New Jersey-based Dibley said. "Also my wife Carol was really on to me to play full time. Carol and Jack used to talk on the telephone at night about it and together they formed the opinion that I should go on. I knew at the time that I was not giving tennis my full effort and I began to think why I shouldn't be playing as well as I did in 1974 and a little later when I was ranked 33rd in the world. "I slid to 150 at one stage, but this latest tournament has now brought me well back into the higher rankings." Dibley's new found dedication was reflected when he was down 4-0 in the final set against Edmondson. "I wasn't confident at that stage, but with the grass courts not playing fast and knowing I had a chance of breaking Mark when he was serving into the wind, I kept going and was actually able to break him twice," Dibley said.

West Indies defeat Australia

MELBOURNE, Jan. 1 (R)—The West Indies crushed Australia by ten wickets in the second cricket test here today to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. Australia were dismissed for 259 in

their second innings and West Indies openers Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes scored the 19 needed to give the side their first test victory at Melbourne in 50 years. The West Indies four-pronged pace attack did the damage, with Andy Roberts and Colin Croft taking three wickets each and Michael Holding and Joel Garner sharing the other four. Australia, who resumed at 167 for three and needed 74 more to avoid an innings defeat, lost their remaining seven wickets for 92. Vice-captain Kim Hughes was top scorer with 70, while Bruce Laird hit 69. West Indies batsman Viv Richards won the man of the match award for his 96 in the team's first innings total of 397. Scores: Australia 156 and 259; West Indies 397 and 22 for no wicket.

Woman wins fortune in soccer pools

NOTTINGHAM, England, Jan. 1 (AP)—A woman who said she had trouble finding enough money to buy Christmas presents was told yesterday she has won \$24,167 pounds on the weekly soccer pools, the second biggest-ever win. The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is an accounts clerk in this central England town. She told a reporter: "I am thinking of buying the family another round of Christmas presents." The bettor staked 82.5 pence (\$1.83) on her coupon in forecasting which eight games among 50 would end in score draws, such as 1-1 or 2-2. Nobody else among the 14 million bettors matched her in the number of correct forecasts. The difficulty of pools forecasting has been likened to the chances of a golfer teeing off at random in the middle of a one-acre field divided into one-inch squares and landing the ball on a particular square. The Littlewoods pools Company, Britain's biggest promoter of the postal gamble, said the win is the second largest ever in a record year for big wins. The firm said it paid out five checks each worth more than 750,000 pounds in 1979.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today finds you in considerable tension if you try to do more than you can handle, so stick to the tried and true for best results. Maintain a cheerful manner at all times.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try to be more helpful to those who have been good to you in the past and gain their goodwill. Think constructively.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Spend less for entertainment than you have lately and build up your assets. Be careful with facts and figures.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make things better for family members, but do so unobtrusively. Take time to improve your surroundings. Be logical.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Study plans in which you stand to make a big profit. Obtain the data you need from the right sources.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A good day for contacting good friends and business associates and getting excellent results. Be kind in dealing with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan how best to cut down on expenses and don't trouble others who may be having financial problems. Be more optimistic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) State your aims to others and gain their assistance. Avoid one who is greedy, selfish, untrustworthy and unpleasant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Take time to entertain good friends and repay social obligations that are important. Persevere and gain your aims.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get busy on career matters early in the day and get excellent results. Show others that you have wisdom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) New projects appeal to you from a monetary standpoint. A new contact could prove helpful to you at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) It's important you show more affection for the one you love and forget those hobbies you have for now. Be wise.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Converse with those who can be of assistance to you and state your aims clearly. Stay clear of a troublemaker.



JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

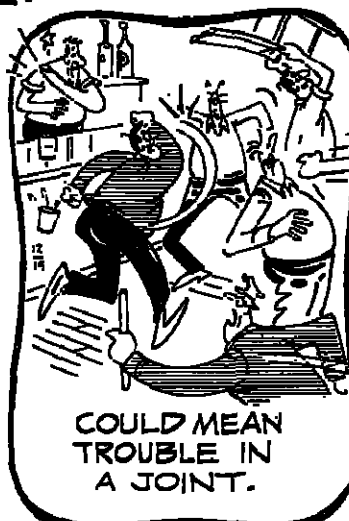
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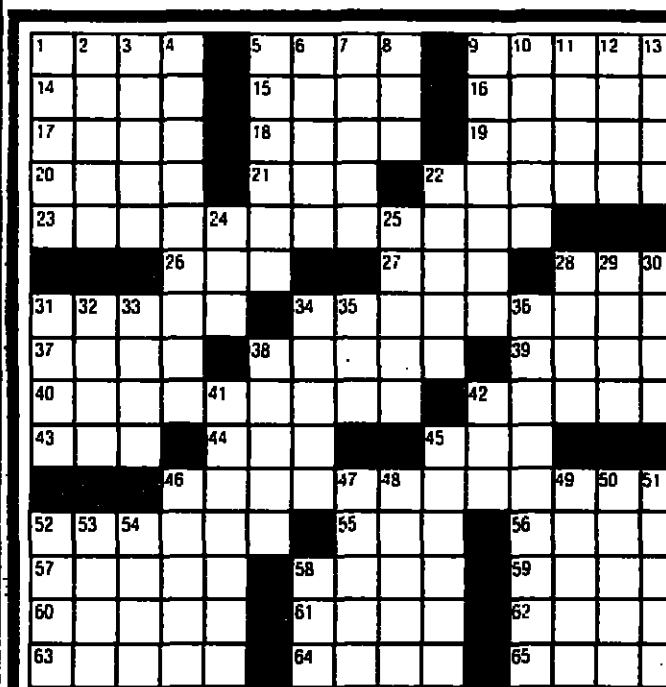
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by Norton Rhoades

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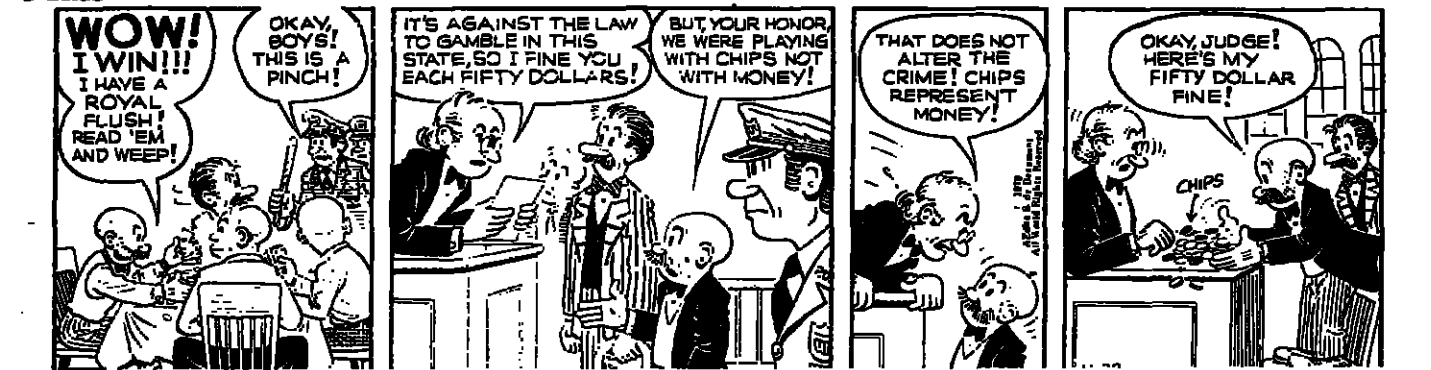
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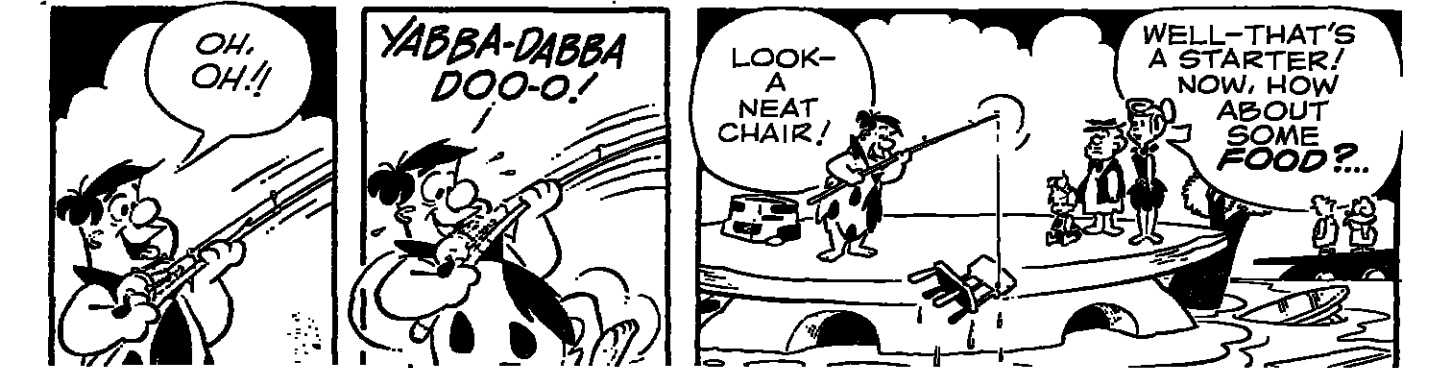
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Opening lead: Eight of ♣.

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Declarer won the heart in dummy and cashed the king-queen of clubs. East discarded a heart on the second club and declarer parted with the heart ace. Declarer ruffed a heart, cashed the king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, then ruffed a club. This was the position:

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K 9 5 8 7 6 4
8 3 2 A Q J 10 9
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Declarer led a diamond, and no matter what West elected to do, the defenders' trump trick had vanished. Dumbovich played the hand with great skill, but East had two chances to break up the coup. On the third and fourth rounds of clubs, East could have sluffed diamonds while retaining all of his hearts, which would have led to a different end position. Or, when the last club was led from the table, East could have ruffed with the jack, which would have prevented declarer from picking up West's trumps.

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7:40 Morning Show	16:00 News Summary
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10:01 Morning Show	16:50 Old Favorites
10:50 30 Minute Theatre	17:00 David Copperfield
11:00 Signing off	17:30 Radiotheque
12:00 Sign on and News Headlines	18:00 News Summary
12:01 Radiotheque	18:05 Plan of the Week
13:00 News Summary	19:00 News Bulletin
13:01 Radiotheque	19:10 News Report
15:01 News Bulletin	19:30 Sign off

GVT	13:30 General William Booth
04:00 Newsdesk	14:15 Report on Religion
04:30 Sounds that Sold a Million	14:30 Off the Record
04:45 Financial News: Reflections	15:00 Radio Newsweek
05:00 News: 24 Hours	15:15 Outlook
05:30 Nature Notebook	16:00 News: Commentary
05:45 The World Today	16:15 The Scottish Clan System
06:00 Newsdesk	16:45 The World Today
06:30 Jazz for the Aspiring	17:00 News: Book Choice
07:00 News: 24 Hours	17:15 The Life and Times of the Orchestra
07:30 Young Music Makers	17:45 Sports Round-Up
08:00 News: Reflections	18:00 News: News about Britain
08:30 News: British Press Review	18:15 Radio Newsweek
09:15 The World Today	18:30 Top Twenty
09:30 News: Look Ahead	19:00 Outlook
09:45 Top Music Request Show	19:30 Stock Market Report
10:15 Taken at the Flood	19:45 Report on Religion
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11:00 News: News about Britain	20:30 Into the Eighties
11:05 Take One	21:00 Network UK
11:30 Farming World	21:15 Nature Notebook
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12:15 Thirty Minute Theatre	22:00 News: The World Today
12:45 Sports Round-up	22:25 Book Choice: Financial News
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	23:50 News: Commentary

VOICE OF AMERICA

GVT	19:00 News Roundup
05:30 The Breakfast Show	19:30 News: pop music, features, interviews, questions
06:30 News Roundup	19:30 VOA Magazine: Americana, science, culture, letters
17:00 Special English: news, reports, opinion, analysis	20:00 Special English: news
17:30 Dateline	20:15 Music USA (Jazz)
18:00 Special English: news, feature, "Space and Man"	21:00 VOA World Report
18:30 News: 24 Hours	22:00 News: Correspondents' reports, background features, media comments, analysis

EMERGENCIES

Jerusalem (21370)
Mabuta (55453)
Irbid
Trautal
Zarqa
Al Jazir
Tadla
Venosa (44564)
Al Najah (53230)
Sports City (53273)
Al Mahd (13712)
Sabagh (12157)

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defense rescue	36147-8
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	358-327
Municipal water service (emergency)	36381-2
Police headquarters	37111-3
Nidrah towing patrol (note: police, English spoken) 24 hours a day, for emergency	37111
Airport information (ALIA)	85205
Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74151
Firstaid, fire, police	19
Fire headquarters	22900

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Hamm Theatre	Tel. 226-448
Al Sheb Art Gallery	358-327
American Centre	552-362
Arab Cultural Centre	333-727
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	557-901
British Cultural Centre	553-394
German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre	333-932
French Cultural Centre	330-694
Kabuki Theatre	232-016
National Theatre	114-854
Soviet Cultural Centre	225-650
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-003
Umma Art Gallery	334-619
Zahra Public Library	111-818
West German Cultural Institute	224-954

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 90
Chamber of Commerce	118-339
Electric Power Co. (regular)	223-887
Fire headquarters	19
Information	95-97
Municipal water service	113-500

Guerrilla infiltrations into Rhodesia reported

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, Jan. 1 (AP) War-weary Rhodesia edged into 1980 today with peeling church bells, parties and fresh reports of new border infiltrations by black nationalist guerrillas breaching the four-day-old, tenuous Rhodesian cease-fire.

Salisbury's Anglican Cathedral "rang in the new year with ringing bells, and many churches of all denominations held midnight services to pray for the uneasy year ahead."

The staid Salisbury set danced to big-band music at the Meikles Hotel while Rock music blared from garden parties in Salisbury suburbs.

Whites forgot about their problems for the moment. They have been preoccupied with the prospect of black nationalist guerrillas winning power in British-ruled elections next month after seven years of bloody war and 20,000 deaths on both sides.

Cardinal defends Vatican order against Kueng

BONN, West Germany, Jan. 1 (AP)—Cardinal Joseph Höffner has defended the controversial Vatican order suspending the teaching mandate of Swiss theologian Hans Kueng.

Cardinal Höffner, chairman of the German Bishops' Conference, yesterday branded "dishonest" Dr. Kueng's contention that the order was issued to silence an "irksome critic" of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.



Hans Kueng

"The single basis for withdrawing the church teaching permit is that Professor Kueng is not ready in fundamental questions of faith, despite ten years of efforts by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to recognise unequivocally a belief in the church," Cardinal Höffner said in a statement.

The Vatican confirmed on Sunday its decision to remove Dr. Kueng as professor of dogmatic and ecumenical theology at West Germany's Tübingen University, where he has taught since 1960.

The 51-year-old priest, world-renowned as a liberal theologian, reacted by accusing Pope John Paul of condemning him without a proper hearing. He vowed to fight the ban.

Dr. Kueng upset the Vatican by challenging the doctrine of papal infallibility and questioning the accepted doctrine that Christ was the son of God and born of a virgin mother.

In his statement, Cardinal Höffner said Dr. Kueng's demand for a papal audience to discuss the controversy demonstrated his "terribly exaggerated self-confidence."

The Cardinal said Dr. Kueng had repeatedly refused to meet with the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith in Rome, which he described as the proper forum for discussion.

Cardinal Höffner said he was confident that theological faculties, church councils and other Catholics would support the Vatican's stand.

Kyprianou reiterates proposal for complete Cyprus demilitarisation

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Jan. 1 (AP)—Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou yesterday reiterated his proposal for the complete demilitarisation of Cyprus as a basic step for the settlement of the problem of the war-divided island.

"We do not want our island to be a place of peace and love," Mr. Kyprianou stated in a New Year's message.



President Kyprianou

"It's going to be a hell of a year," toasted one young woman at a local party, "but for now, it's time to dance and be happy."

Colonial Governor Lord Soames took a helicopter trip to see guerrilla assembly points this morning.

The election campaign kicked off today with political ads in the Herald, Salisbury's newspaper. British military sources supervising the ceasefire said the ceasefire was still working despite the new evidence of infiltration.

A military communiqué late yesterday confirmed previous unofficial reports that a white farmer, three guerrillas and one Rhodesian security force member had been killed in incidents since the ceasefire took effect. By contrast, prior to the ceasefire, an average of 20 persons were killed daily here.

About 3,000 guerrillas have now entered special assembly areas in the Rhodesian bush or are in contact with ceasefire monitoring officials.

The British sources steered away from calling the new infiltrations a formal breach of the ceasefire accord, reached in London on Dec. 21 between guerrillas and the Salisbury regime of Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa.

"That is up to the ceasefire commission," the officials said. The commission, made up of representatives from the British military, Rhodesian security forces and the guerrillas, holds its first formal meeting tomorrow.

Under the terms of the agreement, designed to bring peace here and to allow both guerrillas and local politicians to campaign for a fresh election to make Rhodesia a full-fledged republic, Rhodesian and guerrilla forces are supposed to stay put.

The Rhodesians, except when ordered on missions by colonial Governor Lord Soames, are staying near their bases. As of midnight Friday, the guerrillas are supposed to be at 16 assembly areas scattered throughout the country.

On Sunday, the British military, under whom 1,300 British and

Commonwealth troops from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Kenya are monitoring Rhodesian and guerrilla forces, said to have evidence of border crossings from Mozambique. They said Lord Soames had ordered small units of Rhodesian troops to the border to block these movements.

Reports, not confirmed by the British, said 600 to 700 guerrillas had made the crossing. Yesterday the British sources said there was more evidence of new crossings. Although in smaller numbers.

The sources indicated that it would be unwise to "play the numbers game" with the statistics on guerrillas appearing at assembly areas. Estimates of the total inside Rhodesia vary from 15,000 to 30,000. They indicated that large numbers were expected to show up just before the Friday deadline. Guerrillas still at large after midnight Friday will be regarded as "unlawful" under the ceasefire accord.

As of yesterday, 11 parties, including the political wings of the ZANU and ZAPU guerrilla organisations — now allowed to take part in political life here — had declared their intention to campaign for elections.

ZAPU President Joshua Nkomo made a year-end bid for unity between the two wings of the Patriotic Front despite indications that Robert Mugabe's wing of the Front would campaign separately for power in the future Rhodesian government.

"Unity in the Patriotic Front is necessary for future stability in Zimbabwe," Mr. Nkomo said yesterday at his Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) headquarters in Lusaka.

The statement Sunday in Rhodesia by a Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) spokesman that ZANU would campaign as a "separate entity" from ZAPU has fueled concern here that the war-time alliance would not survive the peace.

But Mr. Nkomo said "The Patriotic Front will remain intact. I hope that our comrades in ZANU recognise that it is necessary for the stability of Zimbabwe."

Composer Richard Rodgers dies

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (R)—Composer Richard Rodgers, who died of cancer Sunday night at the age of 77, dominated American musicals for more than half a century with a string of smash-hit shows that caught the imagination of the world.

The self-effacing New Yorker, whose romantic tunes were known to millions, collaborated with Lorenz Hart, Oscar Hammerstein II and other top Broadway names in such renowned productions as "Oklahoma," "South Pacific" and "The Sound of Music."

He composed the music built around the lyrics and also worked at times as a co-producer. Mr. Rodgers was responsible for changing the frothy pre-war musical from an unrealistic boy-meets-girl theme to a more serious story. His achievements made him a multi-millionaire.

Mr. Rodgers was president of the music theatre at New York's lavish Lincoln Centre for the Performing Arts. He won dozens of awards, including two Pulitzer prizes, for his work in the theatre, films and television.

At a huge party to mark his 60th birthday in 1962, the top people of show business heard a telegram read out from President Kennedy to honour the composer.

"He has written the music which the generation sings—songs of land and sea, of war and peace, reminding us in charming ways of the strange and wonderful experience it is to be an American in the 20th century."

Even when new musical forms such as rock 'n' roll in the 1950s and the Beale-type songs of the 1960s gained popularity, the magic melodies of Richard Rodgers held their own.

Richard Rodgers, born in New York on June 28, 1902, was an oddity in show business. He dressed in conservative clothes, more suited to a businessman than a romantic composer, and remained married to his first love, the former Dorothy Feiner. They wed in 1930 and had two daughters, Mary and Linda.

Eiffel Tower to be signed over to public ownership

PARIS, Jan. 1 (AP)—Parisians are getting a special new year gift—the Eiffel Tower.

In a brief, unadorned ceremony today, the Eiffel Tower will be signed over to a new major shareholder—the City of Paris—to become public property after 90 years of private ownership.

Little else has changed. The 300-metre tower remains a staging ground for lovers and suicides, protesters and merry-makers, sunbathers, streakers and skateboarders.

Starting Sunday, for instance, two young men spent 24 hours dangling from the tower's upper level on mountaineering ropes to dramatise their conscientious objection to military service.

They thus joined a long line of rugged individualists who have crawled, climbed, hopped, stiltwalked and cycled up and down the tower to make one point or another.

The tower has become city property following a dispute over the elevators that carry visitors between the lower and upper levels.

The city claimed the hydraulic elevators were unsafe and demanded electric elevators be installed. The tower's owners, Societe de la Tour Eiffel, demanded that the city help pay for them.

The city refused to renew the tower's lease which, expired at midnight last night. So under a new arrangement, the municipality will own 40 per cent of the tower and be its major proprietor.

Pope warns mankind of dangers of nuclear war

VATICAN, Jan. 1 (R)—Pope John Paul warned mankind today of the dangers of a nuclear holocaust and said the only solution was negotiations to end the arms race, based on mutual trust.

The Polish Pontiff, in his new year message to a packed congregation in St. Peter's Basilica, declared that such trust "is not acquired by force. Nor is it obtained only by declarations. Trust must be earned with concrete gestures and facts."

The Pope made no specific mention of current events, but his warning was issued against the background of continuing efforts to seal the new Soviet-American strategic arms limitation treaty. Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and tension in the Middle East.

His address coincided with the Roman Catholic Church's World Peace Day but was notably different in tone from the message for the day which he published last month with the theme "Truth as the power of peace."

The Pope said he had received a report from a group of scientists which described in apocalyptic terms the effects of nuclear warfare. He listed some of the report's main points.

"The death, by the direct or delayed action of explosions, of a population which could reach between 50 and 200 million people; a drastic reduction in food resources, caused by radioactivity remaining in large areas of land used for agriculture; dangerous genetic mutations in human beings, fauna and flora; considerable alterations in the layer of ozone in the atmosphere which could expose mankind to unknown difficulties, dangerous for his life; in a city hit by a nuclear explosion, the destruction of all urban services and the terror provoked by the disaster would prevent the least help being given to the inhabitants, creating a terrible nightmare."

It only needed 200 of the 50,000 nuclear bombs estimated to exist at present to destroy the greater part of the world's biggest cities, the Pope added. He quoted the scientists as saying that "it is urgent that people do not close their eyes to what an atomic war could mean for humanity."

Sudan, Uganda pledge to restore friendly relations

KHARTOUM, Jan. 1 (R)—Some 50,000 Ugandan refugees who fled to Sudan last year during fighting which toppled former Ugandan President Idi Amin are free to return home, the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported Sunday.

A joint communiqué, issued at the end of Ugandan Foreign Minister Otema Alimadi's week-long visit to Sudan, said the refugees could return under the auspices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mr. Alimadi held talks in Juba, southern Sudan, with Mr. Joseph Lago, president of the region's high executive council. SUNA said that apart from discussing the refugee problem, Sudan and Uganda pledged to restore friendly relations and cooperate to maintain peace and security on their common border.

The talks also covered Ugandan requests for the return of vehicles taken into Sudan by fleeing members of Idi Amin's army.

Relations between the two countries have been strained since

the overthrow of Amin last April. May members of his security forces fled to Sudan, and Ugandan leaders said they feared they might launch attacks from across the border.

Radio Uganda, monitored in Nairobi, said Mr. Alimadi had announced the Sudanese embassy in Kampala would be reopened within a week, after being closed for several months.

While in Sudan last week, he apologised for damage and looting at the embassy last year, and announced that Uganda planned to reopen its own embassy in Khartoum soon.

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New decade dawns amid fresh tensions between superpowers

LONDON, Jan. 1 (R)—A new decade dawned for a hopeful between the superpowers.

The first news of 1980 was as gloomy as that in the dying days of the old year and offered little prospect of the anxieties of the seventies being quickly washed away.

After a year of economic recession, soaring oil prices and turbulence and revolution in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, there were few bright spots in the news.

President Carter accused Kremlin chief Leonid Brezhnev of not telling the truth about Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, more trouble erupted in Iran, and bombs and bullets flew in Northern Ireland.

Pope John Paul spoke out against international terrorism in a New Year's Eve message.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim headed for Tehran hoping to mediate in the U.S. embassy hostage crisis.

Gold—traditional refuge from paper currency in times of economic and political uncertainty—ended a decade of leap-frogging price rises to close in New York at a record \$530 an ounce.

An angry Mr. Carter, using his toughest language so far over the biggest Soviet military operation in a Third World country, stopped just short of calling Mr. Brezhnev a liar.

"He's not telling the facts accurately," Mr. Carter declared in a television interview. He described a reply from the Soviet president on Russian troops and tanks rolling into Kabul as "completely inadequate and completely misleading."

Earlier, Moscow had accused the United States of using Pakistan as a base to launch what it called subversive activities against neighbouring Afghanistan.

And in Iran, where about 50 American hostages have been held by Muslim militants in Tehran since Nov. 4, despite a ris-

ing chorus of protests from Western and Muslim countries, fighting was reported to have broken out in the Kurdish city of Sanandaj.

Iran's official Pars News Agency said the fiercest fighting for more than two months in the Kurdish region erupted early today between government forces and the autonomy-seeking Kurdish Democratic Party.

In strife-torn Northern Ireland, guerrillas began 1980 by blowing up a shop and attacking a security post near the Irish Republic border. Two British soldiers were shot dead while on patrol but police said the shooting appeared to be accidental.

In Rome, veteran Socialist Pietro Nenni died today after a heart attack, aged 88. One of Italy's most influential politicians, he led the country's left wing for over 60 years.

Britons ushered in the new year in a party mood, despite gloom over the first national steel workers strike since 1926 due to start tomorrow and fears of soaring inflation and unemployment.

About 37,000 revellers, the

biggest such crowd in years, gathered in London's Trafalgar Square to welcome 1980, ignoring freezing temperatures, the heavens plunged into icy fountains in the square. Police reported some scuffles and a few arrests. Thirty-five people were hurt.

In Sydney, violence erupted at a new year pop concert attended by 100,000 fans outside the Sydney Opera House. Police said 63 people were hurt by flying bottles and beer cans.

And still in Australia, people behaved like animals in the townships of Bundaberg, near Canberra. The favourites in the local animal imitation competition had to drop out—the centipede contracted athlete's foot, while a dinosaur went down with a slipped disc. The winner was an archer dressed as a headless rooster.

In Papua New Guinea, the day of 1979 was not a good one for the government minister in charge of jails. He had to beat a base retreat under a hail of spears and rocks when he tried to patch up a feud between mountain tribesmen.

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ROME, Jan. 1 (R)—Pietro Nenni, one of Italy's most influential post-war political leaders and a founding father of the Italian socialist movement, died today after suffering a heart attack, his family said. He was 88.

Mr. Nenni, appointed a life senator in 1970, had been a leader of the Italian Socialist Party for 60 years. He resigned as party president in 1969.

Mr. Nenni led his party into government with the Christian Democrats in 1963 to forge a centre-left coalition which has dominated Italian politics with only slight interruption since.

In the summer of 1969, in the wake of student and worker unrest in Italy and West Europe, Mr. Nenni failed to prevent a split in the government coalition and resigned the party leadership.

He had been a close friend of Italy's 82-year-old Socialist President Sandro Pertini, who was kept informed of Mr. Nenni's condition since his heart attack yesterday. They were exiled in France during the Fascist dictatorship of Benito Mussolini.

Mr. Nenni, who always wore a black beret in public, was brought up in an orphanage in the northern Italian town of Faenza. His parents died when he was five.

Cinema's missing moments

They are the great missing moments of the cinema, pieces of footage that end up on the cutting-room floor. Harlan Kennedy, film critic of *Panache*, speculates that one day we may see a disaster-cum-horror movie compounded of all excised scenes that were deemed too terrifying to include in the released versions.

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In *Sherlock Holmes: Murder By Decree*, a whole evening's atmospheric filming in West London dropped out of the movie. During it Holmes (Christopher Plummer) and Watson (James Mason), in hot pursuit of a murder suspect, drove up in a hansom cab to a sumptuous Victorian mansion in the W1 district knocking on the door and bandying lively words with the butler.

The scene was pruned, taking with it all the crew's hard work that night in blacking out yellow no-parking lines, swapping electricity for gaslight, and generally turning London 1978 into London 1890.

Some of the above excisions are susceptible to explanation. While not natural-wastage footage—

spoiled film or re-takes—failed one way or another to mesh with the final concept of movie.

Others—especially in blood-and-thunder categories where one would expect anything stylishly hyperbolic to welcome—offer food for puzzle.

Perhaps in some dusty vault Hollywood there is an *Out of the Past* disaster-cum-horror movie, compounded of all excised scenes that were deemed too terrifying to include in released versions. Shall we see a day see—in seat-shaking surround and ear-splitting Dolby—*Dracula Flies Beyond Alcatraz Swamp*?

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Count Dracula (Frank Langella) stands over his more than 100 "victims" Lucy Seward (Kate Nelligan) in a scene from *Dracula* which the Count contemplates suicide. In common with many "missing" moments of moviedom, it finished on the cutting-room floor (FT photo)